

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CULTURE
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1767
ANSWERED ON 31.07.2023

EXPENDITURE ON EXPLORATION AND EXCAVATION ACTIVITIES

1767. SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH:

Will the **Minister of CULTURE** be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether it is a fact that the expenditure on exploration and excavation activities by the ASI as a part of total percentage has shrunk since 2014-15 and is currently still less than one per cent;
- (b) the details of all excavation projects ongoing and completed, their progress, the amount allocated and estimated time of completion, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government plans to increase expenditure on exploration and excavation activities in this fiscal year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE, TOURISM AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN
REGION

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

- (a) No, Sir. The expenditure on exploration and excavation activities by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is done as per requirement. During the current financial year, allotment for exploration and excavation is more than one percent of the total budget of the ASI.
- (b) The details of excavations undertaken by the ASI from 2020-21 are given at Annexure.
- (c) Yes, Sir. Rs.20.00 crores have been allocated for the exploration and excavation in the current & financial year in comparison to Rs.10.00 crores for the previous financial year.
- (d)

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1767 FOR 31.07.2023

Details of excavations carried out by the Archaeological Survey of India from 2020-21

Sl. No.	Name of State	Name of Excavation	Year	Allocation of fund (Rupees in lakh)	Estimated time of completion
1.	Assam	Ancient Mound, Gorakshana, District Sivasagar	2022-23	16.78	September, 2023
			2023-24	15.00	
2.	Bihar	Kurisarai, District Gaya	2021-22	7.00	Completed
3.	Delhi	Purana Qila	2022-23	40.00	Completed
4.	Gujarat	Vadnagar, District Mehsana	2020-21 to 2022-23	502.46	Completed
		Vihar, District Gandhinagar	2021-22		
5.	Goa	Church of St. Augustine, Old Goa.	2023-24	5.00	September, 2023
6.	Haryana	Rakhigarhi, District Hisar	2021-22	11.00	November, 2023
		Kaserua Khera, District Manpur	2022-23	57.00	
7.	Jammu and Kashmir	Tibba Tiliana, District Jammu	2022-23	58.00	August, 2023
7.	Jammu and Kashmir	Tibba Tiliana, District Jammu	2020-21	6.50	Completed
8.	Jharkhand	Sitagarha, District Hazaribagh, Jharkhand	2021-22	14.00	Completed
		Obra, District Chatra, Jharkhand	2022-23	25.00	Completed
9.	Karnataka	Halebidu, District Hassan	2020-21	3.50	Completed
		Ancient Pathway- "Pan Supari Bazar" at Kamalapura, District Vijayanagar	2021-22 2022-23	30.00 15.00	Completed
10	Kerala	Malampuzha Reservoir area in District Palakkad	2022-23	4.00	March, 2024
			2023-24	5.00	
11.	Madhya Pradesh	Tewar, District Jabalpur	2020-21, 2021-22	32.00	Completed
		Eran, District Sagar	2020-21	27.00	Completed
		Man Singh Palace, Gwalior Group of temples, Bateshwar, District Morena	2022-23	14.50 (both projects)	Completed
			2023-24 2023-24	5.00 (both projects)	
12.	Maharashtra	Bibi-ka-Maqbara, Aurangabad	2021-22	2.00	March, 2024
			2022-23	9.00	

13.	Odisha	Parabhadi hillock, District Jajpur	2022-23	9.00	Completed
		Sari Deul, District Bhubaneswar	2021-22	9.00	Completed
14.	Rajasthan	Kalibangan, District Hanumangarh	2021-22	35.00	Completed
		Ancient Mound at Bewan, Patan, District Sikar	2022-23	26.38	Completed
			2023-24	68.00	
Ojiyana, District Bhilwara	2022-23	36.97	Completed		
15.	Tamil Nadu	Vadakkupattu	2022-23	25.00	March, 2024
			2023-24	35.00	
		Prehistoric site at Adichanallur, District Thoothukudi	2022-23	70.00	September, 2023
			2023-24	20.00	
16.	Uttar Pradesh	Ulta Khera, Hastinapur, District Meerut	2021-22 2022-23	28.00 44.00	Completed
		Barnauli ki Dhaya, District Mathura	2021-22	58.05	Completed
17.	West Bengal	Dum Dum Mound, District N 24 Paraganas	2021-22	2.80	Completed
		Ancient mound at Bharatpur Purva, District Medinipur	2022-23	13.00	Completed
